

enrollment each quarter, so that the number reported, as enrolled show the number in actual attendance during the quarter. For the quarter just closed we issued 35 certificates of merit, which are based upon the following credits, i. e., attendance, contribution each Sunday and lesson. Each pupil can get three credits each Sunday, and must have at least 30 credits each quarter to get a certificate. This is the largest number of certificates we have issued in the history of the school.

The Junior King's Children enrollment is about 35, and is also newly enrolled each month. The average attendance at their services is about 25. The largest attendance any Sunday was 32. The Junior work is very interesting, and all the children love the Junior service.

The following is our present official staff of workers: Irving Ellis, superintendent, Sunday-school; W. H. Stridiron, secretary; Wm. Shipley, treasurer. Junior King's Children, Mrs. Lizzie Miller, instructor. The following are our Sunday school teachers: Bible class, the pastor; class, No. 2, Lizzie Miller; class No. 3, Wm. Shipley, class No. 4 Sarah Talley; class No. 5, James McColostor. All the teachers are earnest members of the church, as are all the officers of the school. We expect the second quarter to show increased attendance and interest. Pray for us.

*Financial.* We are still able to live, but are a little behind in money matters. The increased expenses of last year, and the slackness of contributions during the autumn months of last year, have followed us to the present time, tho the contributions for the winter months show an increase that is gratifying, and we are hopeful that we will soon be able to even up again. Brethren, remember us and the work, when the Lord prospers you.

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#### What Missions Have Done

New York Observer.

President Samuel B. Capen, of the American Board, said: "It is too late in the century to ask the question whether or not foreign missions pay, but it is always in order to ask how much they pay." He then contrasted the present condition of the work with what it was a hundred years ago, when everything French, even French infidelity was in high repute, and when the Yale College was a hot-bed of infidelity, and Princeton had but one Christian student. In Hawaii, eighty years ago, he said, the missionaries found the natives eating raw fish with the dogs, and then eating the dogs. Last year, with a proportion of church members, as compared with the Congregational churches, to this country, of 1 to 120, their gifts were as 1 to 6, and forty years ago they were already sending out missionaries on their own account to neighboring islands.

He said that while it was not true that

commerce follows the flag, it does follow the flag of Christ. "This," he went on, "is not the highest sort of an argument, but when men are going around and sneering, and saying there is no good in foreign missions, it is well to have a few facts like these to throw at them. Many people pay their missionary obligations with the ecclesiastical nickel and less."

"Little drops of water,  
Little copper cents,  
Makes the mighty ocean,  
And benevolence,

he remarked, and added that there were some pastors who refused to agitate the question of missionary collections lest it interfere with their own living.

## Among the Churches

### Announcements

1. The semi-annual love feast of the New Enterprise congregation will be held April 29th, on Monday evening. All that can, come and be with us.
2. Our communion will be held at Salem church on Monday evening, May 13th, 1901. We would be pleased to see some of our ministering brethren present. Come, it will do us all good.
3. The Brighton church will celebrate holy communion on Monday evening, June 3rd. Brethren W. H. Miller and A. R. Bemenderfer have promised to come. Others are cordially invited.

L. O. HUBBARD, Pastor.

### Goshen, Ind.

Our meeting resulted in four applicants for baptism and three by letter, instead of the way the EVANGELIST made my report read.

Last Sunday was a strong day for us. Good audiences. The special offering was over eleven dollars, cash.

At our recent business meeting, a committee was appointed to find a suitable location for a church house. Now comes the tug of war. Let everybody pull.

We spent last Wednesday night with Brother Menaugh. He sent to town after my wife and me, and after preaching at the Mt. Union church took us to his nice home. It was good to be there, and so was the maple syrup. When we came home Mrs. Menaugh fairly loaded us down with good things. I have been anxious to leave an appointment at the Mt. Union church again. I will preach this evening (Wednesday) at Elkhart.

G. W. RENCH.

### Girard, Ill.

Received an urgent call to go to Girard, Ill., on the 6th of April. The season of the year was unfavorable, but the call had been long and earnest and we felt under obligations to go. One sister was all the member in the vicinity. She is loyal and true blue. There are many sympathizers in the community as we learned before we returned home.

This locality is the center of a large community of Dunkard people. Here D. B. and I. M. Gibson years ago organized a Brethren church. Both returned at an early day to the German Baptist Brethren church and later I. M. Gibson united with the Christian church.

Our meetings began small, but gradually grew. The last Sunday evening we had a very nice audience. The demand was for doctrinal preaching, and so we mostly spoke about the "Things we most verily believe." We remained nine days. During this time we baptized one young lady and received a minister of the Old Order Brethren and a young

married woman from the German Baptist Brethren by letter, three accessions in all. Considering all things the meetings were a success.

We think this is a good field for the Brethren church. In fact we never saw a place so strongly demanding a Brethren church. If the few members will prove faithful, the Mission Board will try and help them and God will prepare a house for his believing children at Girard.

Our home was with Sister Ashbaugh. The Ashbaughs know how to take care of a preacher. Our German Baptist Brethren received me very kindly. I spent several days and nights among the Gibsons, Showalters and Stowes and Harshbargers. I received while there \$11.50, my expenses being \$9.20.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

### Pacific Items

All seasons are busy ones in California, and so of course, we are in the midst of a busy one now. Among the farmers, spring plowing, or summer fallowing is the order of every day, and haying time is near at hand also. Among the churches, there is always work to be done, and it is always being done. For if the coast countries are reckoned as being peculiarly backward in religious sentiment, and justly so, it is also true that one finds as deep devotion to Christ as may be found anywhere. As to results in the way of numerical increase, I am sorry that things are not more encouraging. We having been doing what we could, and are trusting now to the Lord for the increase, but never relaxing our vigilance to help bring it to completion. During the five years of my pastorate here, I have not preached less than 246 sermons any year, and have averaged more than seven services per week. The Lord has preserved my strength, and made it possible to keep going, and I trust him for sufficient grace for future needs. One great difficulty under which we work, is that there are so many appointments to demand attention, that we have not time enough to give each one. I, for example, have five regular preaching points, each of which has services bi-weekly. When it comes to holding revival services at each of these, it is just out of the question to spend as much time as such work ought to have. Thus our revivals are rarely even two weeks in duration, and we all know that it is not long enough. We need more preachers, and we need them sorely, and this brings me the making of an announcement.

*We want to employ a man to help us.* The especial work for which we want him, is evangelistic. He will be expected to work under the direction of our State Mission Board, and will be sent to hold meetings where such services are called for, and to have charge of the work he thus opens. We want him to be here by August 1, or 15, at latest, so as to be ready to take a leading part in our coming Camp Meeting. As to remuneration, I can promise one thing surely,—he will be well cared for, for California is not slack in this thing. Every cent promised will be paid. For the first year, we shall pay \$500 at least, and the expense of meetings, such as halls, song books, board and such things will be met by the Board. We come in the Lord's name, asking for a worker who will come in his name, and who will present the doctrines of his word to a dying world. If you are minded to come, write either to me, or to brother H. E. Wolfe, Lathrop, Calif., who is the efficient secretary of our State Mission Board.

A great many eastern people have lately been coming to this coast, but I suppose none of our Brethren were among them; at any rate we heard of none. The cheap rates for home seekers have opened the way and account for the extra number of tourists. The great majority of the strangers seem to have gone into the southern part of the state, to the Los Angeles country, evidently knowing but little concerning any other locality. They have thus missed seeing the garden spot of the coast,—the Santa Clara valley, with San Jose for a